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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON MEXICO CONFERENCE

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1. FONMIN BORGONOVO REVIEWED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TLATELOCO MEETING IN AN INTERVIEW WITH PRENSA GRAFICA ON FEBRUARY 27. HE PRAISED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S "PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE" OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS, HIS GLOBAL VISION, HIS ANALYTICAL ABILITY AND HIS READINESS TO OFFER PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS. BORGONOVO PREDICTED THAT THE KIND OF FRANK AND FRIENDLY DIALOG THAT CHARACTERIZED THE MEXICO MEETING WOULD IN THE FUTURE PERMIT THE IDENTIFICATION AND PROMPT SOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE US AND LA. HE CONTRASTED THE PRESENT CLIMATE WITH THAT OF THE 1960S WHEN, HE ASSERTED, THE US TREATED LA AS A HOMOGENEOUS AREA DN PRESCRIBED ITS OWN SOLUTIONS FOR LATIN PROBLEMS. HE DEFINED THE "MODERN INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM" REFERRED TO IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TLATELOCO DECLARATION AS AN ATTITUDE OF UNDERSTANDING THAT

THERE WERE ON THE ONE HAND, PROBLEMS COMMON AMONG LATIN AMERICANS THAT DEMANDED A COMMON SOLUTION AND, ON THE OTHER, NATIONAL PROBLEMS THAT REQUIRED NATIONAL SOLUTIONS.

2. FOR THE SHORT RUN, BORGONOVO SAID THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE MEETING WAS THE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE REGIONAL AID TO THE RELATIVELY LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT THE GOES WOULD HAVE TO SELECT PROGRAMS FROM ITS DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE UNDER ANY BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM THE MEETING.

3. QUESTIONED ABOUT THE REENTRY OF CUBA INTO THE OAS, BORGONOVO STATED THAT THE GOES HAD NOT YET DECIDED ITS POSITION ON THE ISSUE. HE ALSO DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF ANY TIME LIMIT FOR REACHING AN ACCORD WITH HONDURAS.

4. IN AN EDITORIAL ON FEBRUARY 28, PRENSA GRAFICA DISCUSSED SEVERAL ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE TLATELOCO CONFERENCE. IT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT, IN A DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS PRACTICE, LA DID NOT ASK FOR LOANS, NOR DID THE US OFFER DOLLARS. QUOTING THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH, IT CONCLUDED THAT THE USPHAD RECOGNIZED THAT THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS HAD FAILED AND, BY AWAKENING UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS, HAD ONLY CREATED FRUSTRATION. TURNING TO TRADE QUESTIONS, PRENSA GRAFICA CITED THE SECRETARY'S SUPPORT OF THE ECHEVERRIA CHARTER WITH APPROVAL.
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